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## **FOX CREEK STREAM RESTORATION, RAINIER, OREGON**

### **Fact Sheet**

**AUTHORITY:** Construction General, Continuing Authorities Program, Section 1135  
**SPONSOR:** The City of Rainier, Oregon  
**STUDY PHASE:** Combined Phase - Plans and Specifications/NEPA Compliance

**LOCATION:** The project is at Fox Creek, Rainier, Oregon, Columbia River Mile 67, across the Columbia River from Longview, Washington.

**PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES:** Fox Creek, from its mouth at the Columbia River for approximately 650 feet upstream, was encased in a 72 inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) during a 1985 operation and maintenance dredging action and then buried by dredged material. Access to upstream areas of Fox Creek for anadromous fish including winter steelhead and coho salmon are effectively precluded except when Fox Creek flows are high. Erosion along the Columbia River shoreline at the mouth of Fox Creek has begun to destroy the outer segments of the CMP rendering fisheries access more difficult. The local community is engaged in an effort to restore Fox Creek habitats and fish runs and has requested Corps assistance in restoring this reach of Fox Creek. The National Marine Fisheries Service has proposed listing lower Columbia River coho salmon and winter steelhead as threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

**RECOMMENDED PLAN:** The proposed project would restore Fox Creek by removal of the CMP and restoration of Fox Creek to a natural streambed plus placement of riparian plantings.

**STATUS:** The project is scheduled for construction in October 1998. The Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was completed February 1997. While plans and specifications are complete, the Financing Plan and Project Cooperation Agreement are still being negotiated. The project will be forwarded for approval upon receipt of an independent real estate appraisal from the sponsor. The real estate appraisal and PCA will require headquarters level approval because project lands will not be required in fee and LERRD's exceed 25% local cost share requirement.

**SCHEDULE:**

Complete Combined Phase	September 1998
Initiate Construction	October 1998
Complete Construction	December 1998

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S):** The study is within Oregon's 1st Congressional District represented by Elizabeth Furse.